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November Field Trip

The November field trip was taken to Lake Lagunitas, Marin County, on Sunday, the 16th. Twelve members and eight guests met at the bus station opposite the Ross Town Hall. It was decided that we hike as one group. About 9:20 a.m. the group, led by Harold Kirker and armed with much optimism (in spite of the unsettled weather conditions), started on the hike to Lake Lagunitas.

Within a hundred yards from the starting place about fourteen species of birds were seen. This was very encouraging, for already a slight drizzle was making some of the group look skyward. We started on our way again after this fruitful interlude. Along the road the group was able to observe a Red-breasted Sapsucker at work and also an Anna Hummingbird that came to partake of the sap from the hole that the sapsucker had patiently drilled.

At Phoenix Lake picnic place the group was forced to shelter during a cloud-burst; but when a bit of blue sky showed above, we continued on. Phoenix Lake provided us with many species of water birds. Along the trail in a densely wooded section many Golden-crowned Kinglets were closely observed, as well as Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Townsend Warblers and Brown Creepers.

Luncheon was eaten in a lovely picnic area at Lake Lagunitas. Mrs. Otis H. Smith, who had taken the Fairfax to Lake Lagunitas route, joined us here and reported her observations. The lone bird seen on Lake Lagunitas was the Belted Kingfisher.

On the return trip the group enjoyed a lively discussion over the identity of some mergansers on Phoenix Lake. Conclusion reached: eight Hooded Mergansers. Five Mule Deer were seen on this hike. The group disbanded in Phoenix Lake picnic grounds about 4:30 p.m.

The list of fifty-two species observed was as follows:

Pied-billed Grebe	Anna Hummingbird	Western Robin
Mallard	Belted Kingfisher	Varied Thrush
Baldpate female	Red-shafted Flicker	Hermit Thrush
Pintail	California Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ring-necked Duck	Red-breasted Sapsucker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Canvas-back Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing
Scaup	Black Phoebe	Hutton Vireo
Ruddy Duck	Coast Jay	Audubon Warbler
Hooded Merganser	California Jay	Townsend Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Crow	Purple Finch female
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Chickadee	Green-backed Goldfinch
Cooper Hawk	Plain Titmouse	Spotted Towhee
Red-tailed Hawk	Bush-tit	Brown Towhee
Sparrow Hawk	Slender-billed Nuthatch	Junco
Quail	Brown Creeper	Nuttall Sparrow
Coot	Wren-tit	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Killdeer	Bewick Wren	Song Sparrow
Band-tailed Pigeon		

Twelve members attending were: Mesdames Courtright, Smith; Misses Cohen, Danz, MacIver, Papina, Roscoe, Watanabe, Webb; Messrs. Heyneman, Kirker and Pike; and eight guests.

Misaye Watanabe, Historian.



Audubon Notes

December Meeting: The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, the 11th, at 8 p.m., in the Auditorium of the San Francisco Public Library, Larkin and McAllister Streets, San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds, of Piedmont, will show Kodachrome slides of some "Common California Birds." Members may bring guests.



December Field Trip: Members and friends will meet at Oxford Street and University Avenue, Berkeley, Sunday, the 14th, at about 9:45 a.m. San Francisco members take the "F" bus on Fremont Street, San Francisco Terminal, at 9:15 a.m. Bring luncheon. The field excursion will be in and about the campus of University of California. After luncheon those who wish may drive to Berkeley Aquatic Park to observe birds there.



November Meeting: The 291st regular meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Building, with about three hundred members and guests present. President James Moffitt presided.

Mr. Allan D. Cruickshank, lecturer and photographer for the National Audubon Society, delivered a very fascinating talk on his experiences in securing pictures of birds and other wild life. Mr. Cruickshank's work takes him into nearly every state of the Union. His pictures, both movies and slides in Kodachrome, were superb. As an extra attraction this versatile bird-man delighted his audience with imitations of birds' call-notes and songs. The evening was indeed a rare treat to bird-lovers.



Marin County Observations

Mrs. Beryl Austin observed two Lewis Woodpeckers near the Marin Golf and Country Club on October 9th; on November 17th, Glenn Ensign saw three in Tiburon, and on the 19th three at the Marin Golf and Country Club, and in the same place again on the 24th.

Mr. Ensign also saw a varied Thrush, November 21st, on Corte Madera Hill.

Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon observed enormous flock of Sooty Shearwaters off Drake's Bay, September 28th.

Mrs. Otis H. Smith saw Chats in Marin County, September 17th and 18th, and Golden-crowned Sparrow, the 22nd.



Mrs. Walter W. Bradley, a member since 1936, passed on November 19, 1941.



Christmas Bird Count: The annual bird count will take place on the 21st of December, the Sunday following the regular trip. Will those members who care to take part in this annual event kindly get in touch with Mr. Frank G. Watson, 1217 Oak Grove Avenue, Burlingame, California?

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